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SUBJECT: UN FINANCE - FIFTH COMMITTEE CONTINUES GENERAL DEBATE  
AND APPROVES SECTION 18 OF PROGRAM BUDGET.

REF: USUN 4658

1. SUMMARY: AT 1704 MEETING OF FIFTH COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 2,  
REPS OF USSR AND PAKISTAN SPOKE IN GENERAL DEBATE. COMMITTEE  
APPROVED \$4,975,600 FOR SECTION 18 BY VOTE OF 33-0-11.  
COMMITTEE DECIDED TO FOLLOW LAST YEAR'S PATTERN AND REFLECT  
SUMARIES OF DEBATES IN REPORTS TO GA FOR SECTIONS 97,102,104,  
105,106, AND 107. END SUMMARY

2. USSR- SAFRONCHUK DELIVERED LONG SPEECH CALLING FOR  
DRASTIC FINANCIAL STRINGENCY, REPLETE WITH ATTACKS ON SECRETARIAT FOR

WASTE AND GOSS FAILURE TO HEED GA MANDATES. HE NOTED THAT  
UN BUDGET GROWING AT FASTER RATE THAN GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT  
AND NATIONAL INCOME OF MEMBER STATES

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(DISTORTING THE COMPARISON BY SING MONETARY GROWTH IN ONE CASE AND

REAL GROWTH IN THE OTHER.) THREE-FOURTHS OF OVER-ALL  
SUM IS SPENT ON UN SECRETARIT PERSONNEL, AND HOW DOES THIS AID LDC'S?

3. SAFRONCHUK SAID SECRETARIAT ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE  
HAS ALSO PROVIDED FOR THE EXPANSION F PROGRAMS WITHOUT SPECIFIC  
INSTRUCTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN VIOLATION OF RULES  
153 AND 154 OF GA RULES OF PROCEDURE, INCLUDING EXPENDITURES  
OF SOME 40 MILLION DOLLERS. HABITAT AND SCIENCE/ TECHNOLOGY ARE TOW  
CASES IN POINT. THE BUDGET CONTAINS UNDERSTATED DATA  
ON THE REAL GROWTH AS WELL AS ON INDICATORS OF TOTAL BUDGET GROWTH  
COMPARED TO PREVIOUS PERIODS. THE UN HAS ALWAYS FOLLOWED  
A DOUBTFUL TREND IN FINANCING DEFICITS RESULTING FROM CURRENCY RATE  
FLUCTUATIONS BY INCREASING CONTRIBUTIONS OF MEMBER STATES. THIS  
QUESTION WAS RESOLVED BY 21ST GA WHICH RECOMMENDED THAT  
UNABOIDABLE INCREASES OF EXPDNDITURES CAUSED BY PRICE INCREASES,  
ETC. SHOULD BE ABSORVED THROUGH SAVINGS AND INTERNAL ADJUST-  
MENTS. THERFORE INCLUDSION OF 118 MILLION IN 1976-77 BUDGET  
TO COVER INFLATION CANNOT BE AGREED TO. THERE SHOULD  
BE A FREEZE ON THE GROWTH OF PROGRAMS WITH NEW FINANCING;  
ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE FINANCED BY REDISTRIBUTING  
FUNDS. SOVDEL CANNOT SUPPORT REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PERMANENT  
AND TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE STAFF.

4. SAFRONCHUK SAID THERE SHOULD BE A CEILING ON THE ANNUAL  
GROWTH OF EXPENDITURES, WHICH MUST NOT EXCEED THE AVERAGE  
RATES OF ANNUAL GROWTH OF THE GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT  
AND NATIONAL INCOME OF MEMBER STATES. ALTHOUGH USSR IS  
ONE OF MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO UN IT IS STILL UNDER-REPRESENTED IN STAFF  
POSITIONS. SECRETARIAT SHOULD FULLY STOP RECRUITMENT OF  
NATIONALS FROM OVER-REPRESENTED COUNTRIES AND IN FUTURE  
RECRUIT ONLY NATIONALS FROM UNDER-REPRESENTED COUNTRIES.

5. THE SOVIET UNION WILL NOT PAY FOR ANY PART OF EXPENDITURES  
IN 1976-77 BUDGET INCURRED IN VIOLATION OF CHARTER, I.E.  
PAYMENT OF INTEREST AND REPAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL IN CONNECTION WITH  
BOND ISSUE WHICH WERE CONSEQUENCE OF CONGO/  
MIDDLE EAST OPERATIONS. WITH REGARD TO UNEF/UNDOF, THE  
UN SECRETARIAT DOES NOT GIVE MEMBER STATES ENOUGH INFO  
ABOUT THE WAY APPROPRIATIONS ARE SPENT: THE SYG'S REPORT ON THIS  
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QUESTION OUGHT TO HAVE INFORMATION AND SUBSTANTIATION BOTH ON  
FUTURE AND PAST EXPENDITURES.

6. COMMENT: THE SOVIET MEAT-AXE APPROACH IS MORE EVIDENT  
THAN EVER THIS YEAR. THEY WILL HAMMER AWAY FROM NOW ON  
AT NEED TO REDUCE BUDGET DRASTICALLY. IT IS DIFFICULT TO  
FORSEE ANY EARLY SOVIET HELP IN CUTTING UN DEFICIT EVEN  
IF, UNEXPECTEDLY, STRONG PRESSURE ON THEM FROM LDC'S BUILDS UP.

ON UNEF/UNDOF, SOVIETS ARE CAREFULLY KEEPING THEIR OPTIONS OPEN.

7. PAKISTAN- PAKISTANI DEL COMPLAINED THAT INFLATION HAS ERODED REAL PROGRAM GROWTH IN UN BUDGET, CITING STATISTICS THAT REAL GROWTH WILL BE LESS IN 1976-77 THAN IN PREVIOUS BIENNIUM AFTER PAYING LIPSERVICE TO STANDARD THEORIES OF ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY, PAKDEL, IN SUPPORTING PROPOSALS OF WORKING GROUP ON BUDGET MACHINERY FOR "STRENGTHENING COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND COORDINATION (CPC)" PROPOSED FURTHER THAT MEMBERS OF CPC SHOULD RECEIVE TRAVEL AND PER DIEM, IN ORDER TO PERMIT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO SEND QUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO CPC.

8. SECTION 18 - HUMAN RIGHTS: ALGERIA, DOMINICAN REP AND NIGERIA SUPPORTED ACABQ RECOMMENDATIONS IN A/10008 ALTHOUGH DOMINICAN REP SAID SYG'S ESTIMATES FOR 1978 CONFERENCE REPRESENTED BARE MINIMUM. SOV DEL SAID EXPENDITURES DUE TO INFLATION AND CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS SHOULD BE BORNE BY HOST COUNTRY AND THAT EXISTING STAFF IS ADEQUATE FOR WORK; ADDED HE WOULD VOTE AGAINST BOTH IF PUT TO VOTE AND WOULD ABSTAIN IN GENERAL ON SECTION AS WHOLE. CHAIRMAN ACABQ SAID ACABQ RECOGNIZES IMPORTANCE OF 1978 CONFERENCE, BELIEVES SYG CAN HANDLE EARLY PREPARATIONS WITH EXISTING STAFF. THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STAFF FOR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE IF REQUIRED AFTER INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS ENTER INTO FORCE, COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED AND WORKLOAD KNOWN; BUDGET DIRECTOR LAVUA SAID \$490,000 IN SECTION 15 FOR NEXT BIENNIUM FOR FELLOWSHIPS, SEMINARS, ETC., IS FOR OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND NOT COVERED BY SECTION 18. BY VOTE OF 73-0-11 (SOVIET BLOC, MEXICO) WITH CUBA NOT PARTICIPATING, COMMITTEE APPROVED IN FIRST READING AN AMOUNT OF \$4,975,600 FOR SECTION 18 FOR BIENNIUM 1976-77.

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9. AT NEXT MEETING, 1705, OCTOBER 3, NORWAY WILL SPEAK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN GENERAL DEBATE AND COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS SECTIONS 13 (UNEP), 14,19, AND 20.  
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